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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: March 27, 1958

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, was.  
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Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated  
1/27/58 at Chicago.All outstanding investigation has been  
completed. This case has been placed in a P\* status.  
A semi-annual report will be submitted to the Bureau  
when due.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: July 14, 1958

FROM : SAC, Chicago (100-6989)

Attention:

☒ Domestic Intelligence Division

☐ Investigative Division

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, was.  
IS - NOI  
O.O. - Chicago

Name: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

Address: 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois

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TO : Director, FBI

(File 105-24822 ) DATE: 7-25-58

FROM : SAC, Chicago

(File 100-6989 )

SUBJECT: Elijah Poole, was  
IS-NoI.

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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: Semi-ANNUAL report due 7/27/58.

Reason for the delinquency: handling other cigarette matter

Date the report or necessary communication  
will reach the Bureau:

8/15/58

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TITLE OF CASE <b>ELIJAH POOLE, was. Elijah Muhammad, Elijah Mohammed, Gulam Bogans, The Messenger of Allah, Elijah Muck Muck, The Prophet, Mohammed Rassoull</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED <b>JEM</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:** ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National leader of the NOI, resides at 4847 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

**[REDACTED]** MUHAMMAD's politics and religion have been summed up simply as "black man".

**[REDACTED]** MUHAMMAD is reportedly in contact with Egyptian officials.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)

**DETAILS:** *Clan*  
DATE **11/2/82**

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The following organizations which are referred to throughout this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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characterized in the attached Appendix pages:

Fruit of Islam (FOI), a group within the NOI)

Nation of Islam (NOI)

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I. BACKGROUND DATA

A. Residence

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD resides at 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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B. Employment

As reported elsewhere in this report ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the National leader of the NOI.

[REDACTED]

On June 30, 1958,

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[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, provided for review for ELIJAH MOHAMMED, 4847 South Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] no information which has not been previously reported.

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D. Criminal

Checked on June 27, 1958, the files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, contained no arrest record identifiable with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD under the latter name or known aliases.

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F. Use of Alias

CLARA, married ELIJAH DOOLE, who subsequently changed his name to ELIJAH MOHAMMED.

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An article appearing on page 5 of the January 18, 1958, Chicago edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier", a weekly newspaper, datelined at Detroit, Michigan, and entitled "Be Polite, Courteous, Respectful," reflected that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, spiritual leader of the Moslem Movement in this country spoke in Detroit's MUHAMMAD Temple to an overflow audience. (Date of meeting not stated).

MUHAMMAD's speech was aimed entirely at recent "incidents" in the motor city between Moslems and Police. He advised his followers to "Obey those who are in authority." MUHAMMAD said "it is true that we are in a government that God himself is about to remove from the planet, but this does not mean we are not to obey those who are in authority."

Concluding, MUHAMMAD said "this does not mean that we must be fools or cowards and lick their boots. No sir. Never be the aggressor. Seek peace. But the Holy Quran itself warns us that if we are then attacked, we are permitted to fight against those who wrongly and unjustly fight against us. And ALLAH will be with us to the end."

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The May 24, 1958, Chicago and New York editions of the "Pittsburgh Courier", page 10 carried an article entitled "Muslim Girls Set Observance, May 27 at Detroit" which reflects the 26th anniversary of the MGT and General Civilization Class (GCC) in North America will be observed in Detroit on May 27 at MUHAMMAD's Temple of Islam at 5401 John C. Lodge Highway. The conference would be under the guidance of the Messenger ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and would be held in the King Solomon's Baptist Church, 6124 14th Street, Detroit.

According to the article, Messenger MUHAMMAD, spiritual head of all women in the MGT and GCC would speak on the subject "The Founder of the Classes, W. F. Muhammad".

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### C. Political and Religious Philosophy

The February 15, 1958 Chicago edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier", page 7, in an article entitled "A Thumbnail Sketch of Mr. Elijah Muhammad" reflects that MUHAMMAD's politics and religion may be summed up simply as "black man".

This article reflects MUHAMMAD has reassured his followers and said that "it is only a question of a few more years when the black man will be his own master completely."

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No one knows when the hour cometh. It is in the wind. It is coming. One day, like a storm, it will sweep in like a tidal wave and lift the black man."

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E. Foreign Contacts

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An article appearing on Page 5 of the January 18, 1958 edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" datelined New York, entitled "Mister Muhammad's Message To African-Asian Conference", reflects that the Honorable ELIJAH MUHAMMAD sent a cable dated December 31, 1957, to President GAMAL ABDEL NASSER of Egypt. The cable was signed, your long lost brothers of the West, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, Leader, Teacher, and Spiritual Head of the Nation of Islam in the West, 4847-South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The news article reflects the message was read to members attending the recent African-Asian Conference held recently in Cairo, Egypt. Contents of the cable concerning universal peace and freedom were revealed recently at a four hour program attended by a number of diplomats representing Egypt, Iraq, the Sudan, Ghana, Morocco, and by more than 700 guests.

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The March 15, 1958, New York edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" dateline New York, carried an article on page 11 entitled "Nasser Wires Elijah His Best Wishes", reflecting GAMAL ABDEL NASSER, President of Egypt, sent ELIJAH MUHAMMAD a cablegram acknowledging his good wishes.

F. Miscellaneous

1. Informant Contacts

The files of this agency which contain some information regarding ELIJAH POOLE with aliases and his activity in the NOI contained no pertinent current information when reviewed on June 30, 1958.

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3. CP Interest in Moslem Movement

THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED  
BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES PURSUANT  
TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450.

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4. Use of Written Publications

It is publicly known that a column entitled  
"Mr. Muhammad Speaks" by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, appears in the  
"Pittsburgh Courier", a weekly newspaper published at  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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APPENDIX

ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR PUBLICATIONS

The following organizations and/or publications which have been utilized in this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized in the attached appendix pages.

FRUIT OF ISLAM (FOI)

On May 9, 1958, a source advised that the Fruit of Islam (FOI) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) composed of all able-bodied male members of the NOI. The purpose of the FOI is to protect officials and property of the NOI, assure compliance of members with NOI teachings and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon." Members of the FOI are required to participate in military drill and are afforded the opportunity to engage in judo training. The FOI is governed by a military system wherein the members are controlled by general orders similar to those issued by regular military organizations.

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NATION OF ISLAM, formerly referred to as Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

On May 9, 1958, a source advised that the "Nation of Islam" is an organization composed entirely of Negroes which was organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. The national leader is ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, who claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America. According to MUHAMMAD, the purpose of the organization is to establish an independent black nation in the United States.

Members follow the teachings of MUHAMMAD, which are allegedly based on his interpretation of the "Koran." They are taught that there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negro race is the original race on earth and is Asiatic in origin and nature; that they are not citizens of the United States but merely slaves; that the white race, referred to as "white devils," is inferior to the Negro race but has exploited the Negroes, imposed slave names upon them, withheld from them the history of their true identity and culture, and, as a consequence, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the "Nation of Islam," including ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts, and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: August 12, 1958

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, was  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum evaluating informants utilized therein.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/27/58 at Chicago.

ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is designated for each ONI, OSI, and G-2, Chicago, Illinois, to fulfill Bureau responsibility under the delimitation agreement. One copy of the informant evaluation memorandum was disseminated to each of the above agencies.

[REDACTED] provided the  
[REDACTED] MOHAMMED to Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]  
on June 30, 1958.

The files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were reviewed on June 27, 1958, by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will continue to follow and report activity  
of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in the NOI.

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified confidential because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_ data reported from \_\_\_\_\_ could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he is the National Leader of the NOI. There is no indication he would be co-operative.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is reliably reported to be the National Leader of the NOI.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
August 12, 1958

ELIJAH POOLE, with aliases,  
Elijah Muhammad, Elijah Mohammed,  
Gulam Bogans, The Messenger of  
Allah, Elijah Muck Muck, The  
Prophet, Mohammad Rassoull  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
[redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, above date and  
caption.

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[redacted] Confidential sources and informants [redacted]  
[redacted] have furnished reliable information  
in the past.

[redacted] is an agency which collects security type  
information in the Chicago, Illinois, area.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)  
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Re Newark letter to Chicago 11/28/58; Newark  
airtel to Bureau 12/4/58.

Referenced letter and airtel advised information  
developed that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD scheduled to appear at  
Cameo Theater, Newark, New Jersey, 12/4/58 for NOI  
function.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information  
in past, advised 12/10/58 that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has been  
ordered to bed for complete rest and is to do nothing as  
his blood pressure is highest it has ever been. Other  
Chicago informants alerted and have no knowledge of  
proposed Newark visit by MUHAMMAD. In event added  
information regarding this visit is received, it will  
be furnished Newark. No Chicago informants planning  
to attend instant function.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/5/59

FROM : *wn* SAC, NewarkSUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
IS - NOIRe Bureau letter 1/2/59 to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Newark, N. J., with addendum to Newark.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, I contacted [REDACTED] on this date regarding his inquiry, and I furnished him with a copy of the identification record forwarded by the Bureau.

The confidential nature of Bureau files was tactfully explained to [REDACTED]

Public source material which was available was furnished to [REDACTED] and consisted of the pamphlet known as "The Supreme Wisdom" written by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, Chicago, Ill., and the 1/3/59 edition of the "New Jersey Herald News." [REDACTED] expressed his appreciation for the assistance rendered him in this matter.

[REDACTED] stated that he is aware of the confidential nature of Bureau files and pointed out that he had been unaware that this particular request had been directed to Bureau headquarters.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE February 5, 1959

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY SLIP(S)  
DATE 11/2/82 *Claw*SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
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Attached hereto are five copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's plans to visit the United Arab Republic during April (1959). The source providing the information on February 3, 1959, is [REDACTED] **b2**

Sources utilized in characterizing the Nation of Islam (NOI) are [REDACTED] **b1 b7**

For the additional information of the Bureau, Chicago at present possesses no confirming information concerning the proposed trip abroad by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD nor has this Office received any information concerning the identities of persons who may accompany him on this trip.

[REDACTED] also advised on February 3, 1959, that upon contacting ELIJAH commented that he had called the other day and had left his name and address along with the request that ELIJAH call him in Washington, D.C. ELIJAH stated that he never received the message. **b2 b7C**

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The Bureau will be promptly advised of any additional pertinent information received concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's trip abroad.



NATION OF ISLAM, formerly referred to as Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

On May 9, 1958, a source advised that the "Nation of Islam" is an organization composed entirely of Negroes which was organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. The national leader is ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, who claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America. According to MUHAMMAD, the purpose of the organization is to establish an independent black nation in the United States.

Members follow the teachings of MUHAMMAD, which are allegedly based on his interpretation of the "Koran." They are taught that there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negro race is the original race on earth and is Asiatic in origin and nature; that they are not citizens of the United States but merely slaves; that the white race, referred to as "white devils", is inferior to the Negro race but has exploited the Negroes, imposed slave names upon them, withheld from them the history of their true identity and culture, and, as a consequence, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon".

In the past, officials and members of the "Nation of Islam", including ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts, and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>ELIJAH POOLE, Aka Elijah Muhammad, Elijah Mohammed, Gulam Bogans, The Messenger of Allah, Elijah Muck Muck, The Prophet, Mohammed Rassoull</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Typed By: <b>ELC</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI</b> <b>APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 1/12/59</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 8/12/58 at Chicago.

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Will continue to follow and report the activities of  
**ELIJAH MUHAMMAD** in the NOI.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

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under the delimitation agreement. ~~One copy of a letterhead  
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- ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
- ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ This report is classified ~~confidential~~ because (state reason) data reported from \_\_\_\_\_ could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he is the National Leader of the NOI. There is no indication he would be cooperative.

- ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
- ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
- ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is reliably reported to be the National Leader of the NOI, a Nationalistic organization.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Office: CHICAGO

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File Number: Chicago 100-6989  
Bureau 105-24822

Title: ELIJAH POOLE, Aka.

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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Synopsis:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), resides at 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. During the latter half of 1958 he was reportedly suffering from high blood pressure.

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MUHAMMAD denounced Christianity and the white man, the "devil." He called for unity among the black man, the so-called Negro, and indicated that the white man will be destroyed and they will rule the world.

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**DETAILS:**

The Communist Party (CP), USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following organizations which are referred to throughout this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized in the attached appendix pages:

Fruit of Islam (FOI)  
Muslim Girls Training (MGT)  
Nation of Islam (NOI)  
Washington Park Forum (WPF)

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I. BACKGROUND DATA

A. Residence

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD resides at 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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B. Employment

As reported elsewhere in this report, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the NOI.

C. [REDACTED]

On January 14, 1959, [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois provided to Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] for review a

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### D. Criminal

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## E. Health

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On December 10, 1958, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD called his wife in Cordele, Georgia and asked her to return to Chicago as the doctor ordered him to bed for a complete rest as his blood pressure was the highest it had ever been.

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F. Miscellaneous

1. Automobiles

It was learned that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has a 1959 Cadillac and was to take out insurance on it with the Mohawk Insurance Company, location unknown.

MUHAMMAD also has two other cars, a 1956 Cadillac with 16,000 miles and a 1954 Cadillac with 35,000 miles.

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE NATION OF ISLAM

A. [REDACTED]

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In mid-July, 1958, a [REDACTED] entered into a conversation with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD regarding various personal problems. She stated she wanted to take her problems before the "Nation" to which MUHAMMAD replied, "I am the nation and I have already told you that it has been decided and therefore there is no need for any further discussion."

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A. Boston and Area

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, leader of the Nation of Islam, was the principal speaker at a NOI convention held on October 12, 1958 at John Hancock Hall, Berkeley Street, Boston, Massachusetts. The theme of his talk was "Be Yourself." MUHAMMAD condemned Christianity and the white man and said the Negro has no freedom, justice or equality under the white man.

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MUHAMMAD closed his address with an indefinite threat to the white man if his followers were molested. He stated, "White people can kill all they want to but when they start killing my followers or myself here they will be killed. I don't care who it is. No, sir. Just don't bother my followers, white folks, and don't bother me. I say that because I know you're at fever pitch ready to do something but when you do it you will meet with something you never dreamed of meeting with. As far as I'm concerned I'm willing to give my life for this 17,000,000 if it pleases Allah. They want to kill me, as they always have a plan to do so. I say if it pleases him, I'm most certainly willing and will not run from it . . . Islam teaches the Golden Rule, to do unto others what you would have them do unto you, but that don't mean we're cowards. We'll fight you all right enough in the name of Allah. We will do so. But still we are not going to be the aggressor; you'll certainly have to be the aggressor."

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An article appearing in the December 20, 1958 edition of the "New Jersey Herald News," captioned "Muhammad in Two Hour Talk Warns of War" by HARRY B. WEBBER, reflects that 1,500 heard Messenger ELIJAH MUHAMMAD speak Sunday, at the Rickoray Auditorium, 81 Elizabeth Avenue. MUHAMMAD arrived by plane with Secretaries and staff from Chicago which he left Sunday morning.

The article reflects the following as among the highlights of MUHAMMAD's talk: "Don't be a permanent slave. Don't be a coward and stand in fear of losing your job. We are going to ask for something and if we don't get it we are going to take it."

"We must have some of this earth and we are going to get it."

"If I am shot down. You stand up."

An article entitled "Muhammad Stuns Crowd Despite Threat on Life" appearing on pages 2 and 4 of the December 27, 1958 edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier," reporting MUHAMMAD's attendance at the Rickoray Auditorium, Newark, New Jersey reflects that "One of the most amazing and 'frightening' features about the Moslems is their discipline, and the ease with which they are controlled and guided by their leaders. They all seem to be moved with one heart, one mind and in one body. Among Negroes in America such an accomplishment is a miracle."

This article also reflects that the overflow crowd was handled with such quiet and peaceful decorum by the Moslems, that one Newark police officer commented, "There is nothing left for us to do. The Moslems don't need us. They are the most peaceful law-abiding folks I've ever witnessed."

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An article and photograph appearing in the July 19, 1958 edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" pages 8-9 entitled "Mr. Muhammad Calls for 'United Front of Black Men' at New York City Rally," reflects an estimated 13,000 Harlemites attended the last holiday weekend affair at Harlem's Park Palace. The Courier reflects the following outstanding leaders of Harlem were present:

HULAN E. JACK, Manhattan Borough President  
EARL BROWN, City Councilman  
CARSON DE WITT BAKER, former judge  
JAMES WATSON, State Senator

Other notable guests were:

Princess Shanyii Zeffii Tau, Executive Director  
of Radio Free Africa  
Honorable A. Z. BORAI, Egyptian Embassy Attache  
Mrs. ALIYA HASSAN, President of Moslem Council  
of New York  
Mrs. SOUDIA, Executive Secretary of the Asian-  
African Drums group  
Mr. MAHMUD BOULETA of the Algerian Nationalist Front  
Mr. ISHAQ QUTUB, Vice President of Arab Students  
in United States

An article entitled "'United Front of Black Men  
Needed for Survival,' Muhammad," and photographs regarding  
the Convention in the Park Palace also appeared in the  
July 17, 1958 edition, pages 1 and 5 of the "Los Angeles  
Herald Dispatch," self-described as a weekly newspaper  
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The August 9, 1958 edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" on pages 6 and 7 of the Magazine Section, carried an article entitled "Messenger Blasts Self-Made Leaders, Interracial Marriage; Call Negro Lost Race."

The article reflects that Messenger ELIJAH MUHAMMAD flew into Pittsburgh Sunday afternoon as a guest of Muhammad's Temple 22 and spoke before a near capacity audience of over 3,000 followers and visitors in the Syria Mosque.

During his speech MUHAMMAD told the Negroes to "Inspect and know yourself." He told the audience, "You can't accept self-made leaders, those leaders whom the whites give you. You cannot accept leaders and teachers who are seeking praise and honor for themselves. What this city, this nation, and the world needs is a leader dedicated to One God, One religion, One great brotherhood." In denying the "doctrine of hate" as charged in some quarters MUHAMMAD said, "Our race, our nation is 6,000 years old. I bring you the true history from a true God. The truth I speak will offend none but the guilty. We must know the truth, speak the truth, and act upon the principles of truth to make friends. We can't hide the truth." MUHAMMAD told the audience, the so-called Negroes, the "lost people" of America, that they had had many leaders but their problems are still here. He said, "Today, I'm wrestling with the same problem and I have a solution for you. America is not your home. It is the white man's home. Don't expect to share his house when you have a house of your own to go to."

The white man has been taking care of you. He's listened to your begging, but things are getting tough for him now. He is about ready to ask you to get off his back, and when he does, what are you going to do?

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D. Threat on MUHAMMAD's Life

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An article appearing on page 10, column 3, of the December 13, 1958 New York edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier," entitled "Muhammad Threatened," reflects that "Police working in conjunction with the FBI said they are taking all precautions regarding threats made on the lives of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, national leader of the Muslim Cult, and MALCOLM X, New York head."

Police said the threats came in a letter ordering MALCOLM X to take \$50,000 to a rendezvous in the Theresa Hotel if he wanted everything to go 'well for a while.'

The letter stated that 'murder is not new to us. We could have killed ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in Boston when he got off the plane.' Also in the letter was a threat that if Mr. MUHAMMAD appears in Newark, New Jersey on December 14, 1958 as he is scheduled, 'it will be his last time.'"

The December 20, 1958 edition of the "New Jersey Herald News" in an article captioned "Messenger Defies Death Threat," datelined at Newark, reflects that Messenger ELIJAH MUHAMMAD appeared at Newark Sunday to speak despite threats of assassination if he appeared. Nothing happened to make good the threats and MUHAMMAD said he held no fear. He said, "If I'm shot down, you stand up." He asked, "What is there to be afraid of. We are greater than our enemies who enslave us."

According to the newspaper article a corps of dedicated guards protected MUHAMMAD from any possible threats. They did not seem to be armed but watched every move. Scores lined up outside the hall and MUHAMMAD walked between them when he entered and left the hall. Inside the hall the meeting was ringed by guards in red neck ties. A score of other guards were seated on the platform.

The article stated that city police were not present despite the crowd.

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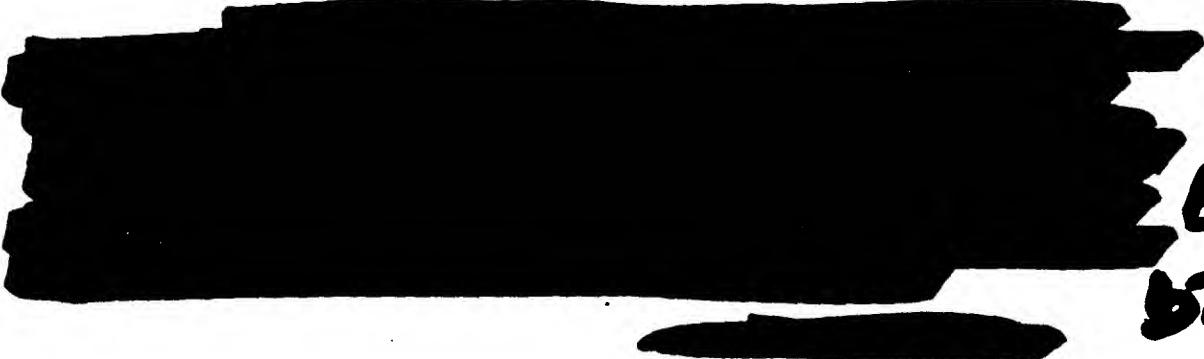
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An article appearing in the January 17, 1959 edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier," page 8 entitled "A Thumbnail Sketch of the Messenger," contains a photograph and brief background of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. The article tells of a proposed medical center and an educational center for the Chicago south side. The reader is invited to "Put your donation in an envelop now and mail to: Muhammad's Temple of Islam, Public Relations Department, Post Office Box, 5470, Chicago, Illinois.



F. Use of Written Publications

It is publically known that a column entitled "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, appears in the "Pittsburgh Courier," a weekly newspaper published at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

It is publically known that a column entitled "God is a Black Man," by E. T. X appears in the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch," a weekly newspaper published in Los Angeles, California. This column calls for unity of black men, condemns the white race, "the devil," and sets out various teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

The December 18, 1958 edition of the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch," carried an article entitled "'God Is Not a Spook, God Is a Black Man' Benjamin 2X". This article reflects that Minister BENJAMIN 2X, Muhammad's Temple of Islam, 1276 East 33rd Street, Los Angeles, California told a capacity audience at last Sunday's meeting that the "Herald Dispatch" is the only newspaper in America that dares to publish true facts concerning Islam, the Black Man in America and the truth of our black brothers in Asia and Africa. It is stated that "Our leader, the Honorable ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has personally endorsed the Herald as our official paper. Every Muslim must support it."

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A photograph accompanied this article featuring a number of West Coast Ministers including Minister E. T. X. Muhammad's Temple of Islam, Oakland, California. A caption below the picture reflects that E. T. X authors "God Is a Black Man" which appears weekly in the "Herald Dispatch."

It is publically known that during 1958, articles entitled "Islamic World" by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD appeared in the "New York Amsterdam News" a weekly newspaper published in New York City.

The January 22, 1959: issue of the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" carried a photograph of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD above a caption reflecting that MUHAMMAD, spiritual leader of American Muslims begins a series of articles in the "Herald Dispatch", "today," dealing with "The Principles of Islam."

G. Communist Party Interest in Moslem Movement

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H. Miscellaneous

1. Informant Check

The files of this agency which contain some information regarding ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and his activity in the NOI contained no pertinent current information when reviewed on January 15, 1959.

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3. "National Guardian" Article on Islam

An article by LOUIS E. BURNHAM entitled "Our Own Islam" appears on page 8 in "The Spectator" column of the July 28, 1958 edition of the "National Guardian."

This article reflects that it might serve the people of the United States well to take a good look under their noses at one of the more exotic outgrowths of the Pan-Arab movement. "...A casual look at the Negro community reveals they are a force increasingly to be reckoned with. Manhattan Borough President Hulan Jack, Congressional aspirant Earl Brown, State Senator James S. Watson and other political figures did just that when they showed up at a recent overflow meeting of Harlem Moslems. Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr. sent a telegram of greeting."

According to the article a Georgian who renamed himself ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has built Temples of Islam throughout the country, won converts to Allah primarily among the youth, invested in business enterprises and is forging "... solidarity with the Moslem peoples of the Middle-East, Asia and Africa. ." Continuing the article states "it is not hard to discover the movement's appeal to Negroes. It is militant. It inveighs against the teachings and the practices of the 'cruel Christian slave-master,' the 'murderous slave-master.' It promises an impoverished people economic 'independence' and encourages them to set up small businesses. It calls for abandoning the slave-master complex in Negroes' relationship with whites. It fosters a subjective 'identification' with the 'ancient cultural splendor and the present mineral wealth of the African-Asian countries.'"

It is pointed out in this article that historically the Negroes have sought three ways to solve their problems in this land. "One was through piecemeal reform of the way the Nation treats them, without particular regard to the way the nation as a whole is run. Another has been through alliance with working whites for radical change in the entire power structure as a prerequisite for real equality. The third-when the tide of the first two waned - has been black nationalism, the rejection of petty reform, integration and alliance with whites, the search for redemption in Africa



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The "National Guardian" article states "It is an anomaly that just at the time the fight against segregation has scored some significant victories a Pan-Moslem movement should raise among Negroes rejecting integration and social equality as a devilish snare and delusion."

The revised "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, at page 105, citing the Committee on Un-American Activities report, "Trial by Treason", the National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, page 12," reflects that the "National Guardian" was "Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a 'progressive' weekly. \*\*\* Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

The revised "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, at page 11, citing a "Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, page 78", reflects "'For years the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party through New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the ALP but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'"

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APPENDIX

ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR PUBLICATIONS

The following organizations and/or publications, which have been utilized in this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized in the attached appendix pages.

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FRUIT OF ISLAM (FOI)

On May 9, 1958, a source advised that the Fruit of Islam (FOI) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) composed of all able-bodied male members of the NOI. The purpose of the FOI is to protect officials and property of the NOI, assure compliance of members with NOI teachings and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon." Members of the FOI are required to participate in military drill and are afforded the opportunity to engage in judo training. The FOI is governed by a military system wherein the members are controlled by general orders similar to those issued by regular military organizations.

MUSLIM GIRLS TRAINING

On September 20, 1942, during a search incidental to lawful arrest of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD for violation of the Selective Service Act, a pamphlet entitled "Lost-Found Moslem Lesson No. 1" was obtained. The Moslem Girls Training (MGT) and the General Civilization Class (GCC) are described in this pamphlet as the names given to the "training of women and girls in North America how to keep house, how to rear their children, how to take care of their husband, sew, cook, and, in general, how to act at home and abroad. These training units were named by our prophet and leader of Islam, W. D. FARD."

On November 12, 1957, a confidential source provided information reflecting that members attending MGT classes held by Muhammad's Temple No. 2, Chicago, were then being taught and instructed to memorize the meaning of the MGT and GCC, which instruction is identical to that set forth in the above-mentioned pamphlet entitled "Lost-Found Moslem Lesson No. 1."

In September, 1958, this same source advised that to the best of his knowledge, there has been no change in the instruction being given MGT members to the meaning or purpose of the MGT and GCC.

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Members follow the teachings of MUHAMMAD, which are allegedly based on his interpretation of the "Koran". They are taught that there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negro race is the original race on earth and is Asiatic in origin and nature; that they are not citizens of the United States but merely slaves; that the white race, referred to as "white devils", is inferior to the Negro race, but has exploited the Negroes, imposed slave names upon them, withheld from them the history of their true identity and culture, and, as a consequence, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon".

In the past, officials and members of the "Nation of Islam", including ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts, and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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WASHINGTON PARK FORUM, also known as  
Washington Park Open Forum

A source advised on June 11, 1954, that the Washington Park Forum (WPF) started in the 1930's as a spontaneous group of unemployed persons interested in discussing current events. In the late 1930's, the Communist Party (CP) penetrated and took over the WPF. From 1936 to 1940, the CP penetration was so great that it secured and maintained control of the WPF at that time.

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A third source advised in May, 1958, that as of May, 1958, both the CP and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) were active in the WPF, using it as a platform to implement their programs.

This source stated that at the present time there is no clear cut control of the WPF, either by the CP or SWP.

The CP and the SWP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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ELIJAH POOLE, Also known as  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois dated and captioned as above.

Confidential sources and informants [redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past.

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**DATE** February 20, 195

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)**

FROM SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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DATE 11/2/82

**Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 2/5/59.**

Enclosed are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Sources utilized in characterizing the Nation of Islam (NOI) are [REDACTED]

Appropriate action regarding passports and visa records as well as stop notices will be considered and handled by separate communication.

At this time the identity of MUHAMMAD's travel party and date of departure is unknown. The Bureau will be advised of any additional pertinent developments.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

DATE: APR 17 1959

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
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OO: Chicago

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b2 The following information is submitted to interested offices for information in order to aid in identifying members and contacts of the Temple of Islam (NOI) and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in their respective divisions. [REDACTED]

It has been observed that in various articles entitled "Mr. MUHAMMAD Speaks," by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, National Leader of the Temple of Islam (NOI) appearing in various city editions of the "Pittsburgh Courier," a weekly newspaper, readers are requested to visit temples in their respective cities or write for the address of the nearest temple to 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

It is noted that past investigation has developed that as a step in obtaining membership in the Temple of Islam and requesting an "original name," potential members submit a copy of a handwritten letter to "W. F. MUHAMMAD," 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*\*\*\*\* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ( 25-330971) (RM)

DATE: 5/26/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 7, 1959, advised that MUHAMMAD had indicated he has not as yet done anything about a passport for leaving the United States; that he has a blank (believed to be an application for passport) to fill out, but has not done so as yet. It was indicated to MUHAMMAD that he should fill out the blank right away and at the end of this month he should start writing to other countries to make arrangements. This data has been previously furnished to the Bureau in memo suitable for dissemination.

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1 - 100-32090 (WALLACE MUHAMMAD)  
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It is requested that Washington Field contact the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., and arrange to place a stop on ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, CLARA MUHAMMAD, his wife; WALLACE D. MUHAMMAD, his son; and RAYMOND SHARRIF, his son-in-law, in the event they make application for a passport. It is requested further that this stop be placed for a three month period and that it be allowed to expire automatically at that time. Chicago bases this request upon the above information as furnished by [REDACTED] b2

Chicago is also including the other three named individuals as it has in the past been indicated that MUHAMMAD will be accompanied by an entourage and the above three would be the more likely persons selected to accompany him. Chicago is also of the opinion that MUHAMMAD might take some action in this matter if he visits Washington, D.C., on May 31, 1969 as planned.

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SAC, Chicago (100-6989)

June 3, 1959

Director, FBI (105-24822)

**ELIJAH MUHAMMAD**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI**

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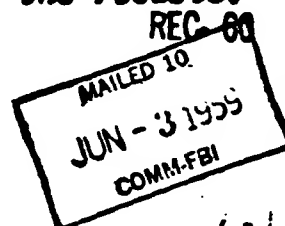
On 5-29-59 the Passport Office of the Department of State advised, through liaison channels, to the effect that Elijah Poole had applied for a passport in Chicago on 5-29-59. No additional information regarding his travel plans or use of the passport is known.

Chicago should alert all possible sources for any information regarding the subject's travel plans. In the event information is developed establishing his travel plans, such information should be promptly furnished to the Bureau in a report suitable for dissemination.

Washington Field Office should recheck the records of the Passport Office, Department of State, for complete data regarding the subject's passport application and travel plans. Washington Field Office should, upon completion of this check, promptly submit the results in a report suitable for dissemination.

Both Chicago and Washington Field Office should afford this matter prompt attention and the Bureau immediately advised of the results.

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Elijah Muhammad, aka. Elijah Poole, is on the Security Index and is the national leader of the Nation of Islam. Resides Chicago, Illinois.

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The information was received telephonically from Passport Office through Liaison Section.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-68168)  
FROM: SAC, WFO (105-24606)

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Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago Office are  
eight copies and one copy respectively of a letterhead memo  
dated and captioned as above.

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b1 [REDACTED] (C)

1-Bureau (Encls-B)  
(1-25-330971) (NATION OF ISLAM)  
1-Chicago (100-35636) (NATION OF ISLAM) (RM) (Encl-1)  
2-WFO  
(1-100-23829) (NATION OF ISLAM)  
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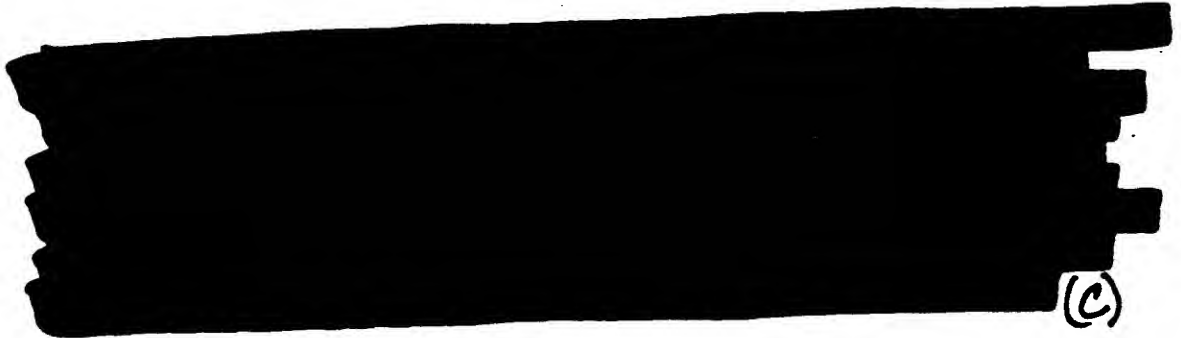
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TO: EMBASSY OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC,  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: JUN 19 1959

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-36301)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, aka  
IS - NOI  
(OO: CG)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8/20/82 BY SP-4 slw/alm

Re Bureau letter to CG dated 6/3/59 advising that subject had contacted the Department of State, Washington, D.C., concerning the acquisition of passport facilities; and, CG letter to Director, FBI, dated 6/12/59 setting forth the names of five additional individuals who might possibly accompany ELIJAH MUHAMMAD on his trip to the Near East.

On 6/16/59 [REDACTED], Legal Division, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA [REDACTED] that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD had telephonically contacted him on 6/4/59 requesting that passport facilities be expedited and granted him by 6/5/59. [REDACTED] continued that he instructed MUHAMMAD that every consideration was being granted his passport application but that the processing of this would require from five to six weeks' time. MUHAMMAD concluded by requesting that [REDACTED] keep him advised of all progress in this matter.

[REDACTED] stated on 6/16/59 that MUHAMMAD had made no mention of anyone accompanying him on this trip; but, pointed out that such individuals would, as a matter of course, execute separate applications for individual passports.

[REDACTED] concluded that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's application and passport file was presently being processed at the Political Desk and would be retained by the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs until approximately 7/17/59.

WFO will, when the above file is made available, immediately review same and furnish results to Bureau and the office of origin.

2-Bureau

7-Chicago (100-35635) (RM)

(1-100-6989) (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)

(1-100-32519) (CLARA MUHAMMAD)

(1-100-32090) (WALLACE MUHAMMAD)

(1-100-32814) (LOTTIE MUHAMMAD)

(1-100-33335) (AKBAR MUHAMMAD)

(1-100-27167) (RAYMOND SHARRIEFF)

2-WFO

(1-100-22829) (NATION OF ISLAM)

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It is to be noted that separate cases are being opened within WFO concerning the additional five individuals mentioned in referenced CG letter and the Bureau and the CG Division will be advised of any information disclosing the submission of passport applications by these individuals. P.

SAC, Chicago (100-6989)

July 1, 1959

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Director, FBI (105-24822)-44

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

Reurlet dated 6-18-59 and Washington Field Office letter dated 6-19-59.

For your information and guidance, the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., has advised the Bureau liaison representative that the subject was issued Passport Number 1677936 on 6-24-59.

Chicago should remain alert concerning subject's proposed travel and immediately advise the Bureau if any definite information is received in this regard. Chicago, if available, should furnish the subject's itinerary to the Bureau along with the known individuals who will accompany him during his travels.

Washington Field Office should again have the passport records checked concerning the subject and furnish the Bureau and Chicago all information contained therein, in form suitable for dissemination, including any itinerary that may be obtained.

2 - Washington Field Office (100-36301)

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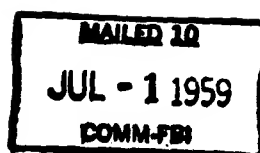
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Subject is on the Security Index. National leader of Nation of Islam.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: June 18, 1959

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
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REASON: FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 8/20/80

Rebulet to Chicago dated 6/3/59, copies WFO, regarding MUHAMMAD's application for passport on May 29, 1959 at Chicago and instructing to alert sources to establish his travel plans.

On June 9, 1959, [redacted] United States Department of State, Chicago Passport Agency, U.S. Court House, Chicago 4, Illinois, verified to SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that ELIJAH POOLE, aka. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number DR 3-5231, made application for a passport on May 29, 1959.

[redacted] advised that MUHAMMAD's application was immediately forwarded to the Department of State, Washington, D.C. Full information can be obtained by contacting [redacted] of the Legal Branch.

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- ② - Bureau (105-24822) (RM)
  - 2 - Washington Field Office (INFO) (RM)
  - 2 - Chicago (1-100-11619) (NCI)
  - (1 - 100-35635, NOI)

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**b1** (c) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (c)

Confidential informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is close to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, furnished the following information:

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On May 18, 1959, a [REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. MUHAMMAD desired to know the procedure necessary to obtain a passport. [REDACTED] told MUHAMMAD to personally go to the Old Post Office Building, Chicago, with executed forms and three photographs of himself. MUHAMMAD said he wanted to get a passport as soon as possible for his pilgrimage to Mecca.

It is believed that [REDACTED]

On June 2, 1959, a brother MALCOLM telephonically contacted ELIJAH MUHAMMAD long distance from New York City. Among other topics they discussed their obtaining of "shots". MALCOLM said he has three of his, while MUHAMMAD said he had but one so far.

Brother MALCOLM is probably MALCOLM X LITTLE, Minister Temple No. 7, New York City. MUHAMMAD and MALCOLM probably referred to obtaining inoculations for a foreign trip.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD contacted the State Department, Passport Information, Washington, D.C. by telephone on June 4, 1959. MUHAMMAD asked an unknown woman about his

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passport to the Holy City of Mecca, Arabia, and stated he applied last Thursday in Chicago and was to get the passport today. MUHAMMAD said he applied under the name ELIJAH POOLE, aka. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. The woman advised that the passport is under consideration and Washington would call him back.

Later on June 4, 1959, an unidentified man from the passport office, Washington, D.C., telephonically contacted MUHAMMAD. He stated they could not get MUHAMMAD's passport out on June 4, 1959 and that it would require another few days.

On June 15, 1959, Brother MALCOLM telephonically contacted ELIJAH MUHAMMAD long distance. During their conversation, MALCOLM asked if MUHAMMAD had inquired about his passport. MUHAMMAD said he heard from them and it is under consideration. He said he told the lawyer here to look after it and see why it is being held up.

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In view of the above information, it appears that MUHAMMAD will not travel out side the United States until fall - September or October.

Chicago will remain alert for any information regarding foreign travel plans of MUHAMMAD. If appropriate information is developed establishing his travel plans, the information will be promptly furnished to the Bureau in a report suitable for dissemination.

The above information is submitted to the Bureau and Washington Field Office for information.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 7/9/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, aka.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI  
O.O. Chicago

Rebulet dated July 1, 1959, captioned as above;  
Chicago letters dated June 12 and June 18, 1959, entitled  
"Nation of Islam, IS - NOI."

Rebulet instructed that Chicago remain alert  
concerning MUHAMMAD's proposed travel and immediately advise  
if any definite information is received in this regard;  
that Chicago, if available, should furnish MUHAMMAD's itinerary  
to the Bureau along with identity of known individuals who  
will accompany him on proposed trip.

- 5 - Bureau (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100-430085) (AKBAR MUHAMMAD)  
(1 - 105-54773) (HERBERT MUHAMMAD)  
(1 - 25-330971) (Nation of Islam)  
4 - Washington Field (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100- ) (AKBAR MUHAMMAD)  
(1 - 100- ) (HERBERT MUHAMMAD)  
4 - Chicago  
(1 - 100-33335) (AKBAR MUHAMMAD)  
(1 - 100-31166) (HERBERT MUHAMMAD)  
(1 - 100-35635) (Nation of Islam)

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On July 8, 1959, [REDACTED], United States Department of State, Chicago Passport Agency, United States Courthouse, Chicago 4, Illinois, advised that MUHAMMAD's Application for Passport had been forwarded to the Department of State, Washington, D. C., and will remain there. [REDACTED] continued that MUHAMMAD's itinerary, proposed date of departure, and proposed duration of the trip would appear on the Application for Passport and would be available through the Department of State, Washington, D. C. Full data concerning this is available in referenced Chicago letter dated June 18, 1959.

[REDACTED] advised that on this date HERBERT MUHAMMAD and AKBAR MUHAMMAD appeared at his office and indicated they wanted to be included on their father's (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD) passport. HERBERT and AKBAR, after discussing the matter with officials in [REDACTED] office, indicated they would each file an Application for Passport to obtain their own individual passport. Both indicated they would return later this week or next week to fill out the Application for Passport.

Referenced Chicago letter/<sup>6-12-59</sup> sets forth full background data regarding AKBAR MUHAMMAD. Following is background data regarding HERBERT MUHAMMAD:

**Name**

HERBERT C. MOHAMMED, aka  
Herbert Delaney, Herbert  
Muhammad

**Birth**

4/16/29, Detroit, Michigan

**Residence**

4847 South Woodlawn, Chicago  
Illinois

HERBERT MUHAMMAD may also be known as HERBERT POOLE.

Washington Field is requested to place a Passport Stop with the United States Department of State with regard to HERBERT MUHAMMAD in connection with the proposed trip to Mecca, Arabia, by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

Chicago will remain in contact with [REDACTED] and will attempt to obtain further data in this matter. Chicago has alerted all sources in this matter and will promptly advise the Bureau and WFO of any pertinent developments.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 7/15/59

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-36301)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, aka  
IS - NOI  
(OO:CG)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8/20/82 BY SP-4 elw/ldm

ReBulet to Chicago dated 7/1/59, instructing WFO to review passport records, Department of State, concerning subject and furnish results in memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

Attached is the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum disclosing the results of a review of subject's passport file at the Department of State on 7/8/59, by SA [REDACTED]. A copy of this memorandum is being furnished the Detroit Division because of information concerning the identifying witness; and, two copies are being furnished the Chicago Division, office of origin.

The following pertinent administrative information, noted in subject's passport file, is being set forth for the information of the Bureau and the Chicago and Detroit Divisions. This information, because of its confidential and administrative nature, was not set forth in the attached letterhead memorandum.

It will be noted that this letterhead memorandum is being classified "Confidential" inasmuch as subject's passport file at the Department of State is so classified.

A State Department Memorandum dated 6/24/59, disclosed that the Office of Senator DIRKSEN had been contacted on that date, but that [REDACTED] of that office, had stated that she knew of no inquiry whatever originating from her office concerning the granting of a passport to subject. [REDACTED] continued that this alleged inquiry could have originated from the Senator's Chicago office. No further information was disclosed in subject's file concerning this inquiry.

ENCLOSURE  
2 - Bureau (Encls. 8)  
2 - Chicago (100-6989) (Encls. 2) (RM)  
1 - Detroit (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)

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(1-100-22829) (Nation of Islam)

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AGENCY: [REDACTED] CEA, [REDACTED] ACSI, AAG(TD)

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A State Department Memorandum dated 6/19/59, from SCA [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] Director, Passport Office, noted that SCA concurred in her recommendation that there appeared to be no overriding political reasons which would preclude issuance of a passport to subject. This memorandum suggested, however, that appropriate instructions should be forwarded to foreign service posts in the countries to which Mr. POOLE intended to travel. **b7C**

A State Department "Instruction Sheet" dated 6/25/59, was sent to Amman, Baghdad, Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, Dhahran, Jidda, Kuwait and Tehran instructing that any information concerning the activities of ELIJAH POOLE, also known as ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, during his sojourn abroad which might come to the attention of any of the Diplomatic and Consular posts should be reported to the Department of State for the attention of the Passport Office, Legal Division.

It will be noted that on 7/8/59, the State Department advised that on that date subject's passport had been amended to include the caption Also Known as ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

It will be noted that individual cases have been opened within WFO concerning those individuals reportedly to accompany subject on his trip. The Bureau and appropriate offices will be advised of any such information when same is received from the Department of State under the individual caption. EUC.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 15, 1959

**ELIJAH POOLE, also known as  
Elijah Muhammed**

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., as of July 8, 1959, disclose that Elijah Poole, also known as Elijah Muhammad, was issued passport Number 1677936 on June 24, 1959, for proposed travel to "Saudi Arabia, via Europe, Jordan, etc. and others on return" for a period of two weeks for purposes of attending the "sacred Moslem Pilgrimage at Holy City of Mecca, Saudi, Arabia."

In his application for passport facilities dated May 28, 1959, at Chicago, Illinois, Elijah Poole indicated his intended date of departure from New York, New York, as June 5, 1959, via air, "Lufthansas."

This application noted that Mr. Poole had been advised, telephonically, on June 4, 1959, that his application for passport facilities could not be processed in time to meet his proposed departure date of June 5, 1959.

Elijah Poole indicated that he had no previous foreign travel; but intended to make another trip within one year.

He indicated upon the above application that he was not a present or past member of the Communist Party (CP). The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Identifying witness to the above passport was John Hassan, 5951 South Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois, who noted that he was not related to subject, but had known him for more than twenty-five years.

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RE: ELIJAH POOLE, also known as  
Elijah Muhammad

The above application noted that Elijah Poole, also known as Elijah Muhammad, was born on October 7, 1897, at Washington County, Georgia, to Marie Poole, also known as Marie Muhammad, and Willie Poole, also known as Willie Muhammad. Marie and Willie Muhammad, both deceased, were listed as United States citizens, both having been born in Washington County, Georgia, on unknown dates.

A sworn affidavit dated May 29, 1959, by Herbert Poole, also known as John Muhammad, - 2480 Townsend Street, Detroit 14, Michigan, self-identified as the brother of Elijah Poole, attested to the above birth date and place of Elijah Poole.

Elijah Poole indicated upon the above passport that he was last married on March 17, 1919, to Clara Poole, also known as Clara Muhammad. She was listed as having been born on November 2, 1898, at an unidentified place. She was noted as a citizen of the United States of America.

The permanent address of Elijah and Clara Poole was listed as 4847 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

Elijah Poole indicated his physical description as 5' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, black and gray hair, brown eyes, no scars and marks; his occupation was listed as "Religious Worker."

His passport application noted that he would call in person to receive his passport.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 7/27/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
IS - NOI

Re Bulet to Chicago dated 7/1/59; Chicago letter to Bureau dated 7/9/59, entitled "NATION OF ISLAM, IS - NOI".

Enclosed herewith are 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination for the Bureau; one copy to New York, and one copy to Washington Field for information.

**b2** [REDACTED] furnished the information set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

The following sources were used in the characterization set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum:

Nation of Islam - [REDACTED] **b2 b7D**

On July 20, 1959, [REDACTED] Passport Agent, United States Department of State, Chicago Passport Agency, United States Court House, Chicago, Illinois, advised that as of July 20, 1959, HERBERT and AKBAR MUHAMMAD have not returned executed applications for passport. **b7C**

- ② - Bureau (Encls. 7) (RM)
- 2 - New York (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (Encl. 1) (Info)
- 4 - Chicago
  - (1 - 100-35635) (NATION OF ISLAM)
  - (1 - 100-33335) (AKBAR MUHAMMAD)
  - (1 - 100-31166) (HERBERT MUHAMMAD)

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It is noted that the enclosed letterhead memorandum reflects that the alleged trip is to start on or about September 20, 1959. Any data obtained in this connection should be included in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. For the information of the New York Office, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is in frequent contact with MALCOLM LITTLE, Minister of Temple Number 7, New York City, and it is possible that reservations for the above could have been made by LITTLE, [REDACTED] The above names are suggested because of information furnished [REDACTED] which has been previously disseminated, which indicates that the above three men are in close contact with MUHAMMAD with regard to this proposed trip.

The Chicago Office has delayed dissemination of the information contained in the enclosed letterhead memorandum as there was a strong indication on the part of both HERBERT and AKEAR MUHAMMAD to the effect that they would return within a week to the Chicago Passport Agency with their completed applications for passport. As indicated above, this has not as yet been done. It was further indicated by HERBERT MUHAMMAD that he might have some difficulty obtaining a birth certificate. This may well be the reason that the executed applications for passport have not been returned to the Chicago Passport Agency as yet.

The Chicago Office will remain in contact with the Chicago Passport Agency and with Lufthansa German Airlines in this connection. All confidential informants connected with the Nation of Islam in the Chicago area have been alerted in this matter. Pertinent information obtained will be promptly disseminated.

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Chicago, Illinois

July 27, 1959

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File No. 100-6989

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM

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On July 8, 1959, [REDACTED] United States Department of State, Chicago Passport Agency, United States Court House, Chicago, Illinois, advised that on July 8, 1959, Herbert Muhammad and Akbar Muhammad appeared at the Chicago Passport Agency office and indicated they were to accompany their father, Elijah Muhammad, on his trip to the Near East. Both Herbert and Akbar Muhammad stated they desired to be included on their father's passport. After a discussion with Passport Agency officials, Herbert and Akbar Muhammad indicated they would each file an application for passport in order to obtain their own passports. Both indicated that they would return later with properly executed applications for passport.

A confidential source advised on July 9, 1959, that Elijah Muhammad had told Akbar Muhammad, in connection with the executing of an application for passport, that he had indicated on his application for passport as follows: "We" are not travelling in an organized tour; the port of departure will be New York on about the 20th of September; "we" will be gone for about two months; "we" will travel in and through Muslim countries; "we" will leave on the German airline; the purpose of the trip will be "a friendly visit".

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly Referred to as  
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Muhammad's Temples of Islam

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In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 7/27/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
IS - NOI

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 7/9/59; Philadelphia letter to Chicago dated 7/8/59, entitled "NATION OF ISLAM, IS - NOI".

For the information of Washington Field, CHARLES BETHAY is believed to be identical with CHARLES BETHA SHERRILL. SHERRILL has been reported by reliable confidential sources as having recently assumed the position of secretary of Muhammad's Temple of Allah No. 2, 5338 South Greenwood, Chicago, Illinois.

- 5 - Bureau (RM)  
 (1 - 100-427518) (CHARLES B. X)  
 (1 - 105-69778) (CARRIE MOSS)  
 (1 - 25-330971) (NATION OF ISLAM)  
 4 - Washington Field (RM)  
 (1 - 100- ) (CHARLES B. X)  
 (1 - 100- ) (CARRIE MOSS)  
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 (1 - 100-35635) (NATION OF ISLAM)  
 (1 - 100-32119) (CHARLES B. X)  
 (1 - 100-34784) (CARRIE MOSS)

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CARRIE MOSS has been reported by reliable informants as being a personal secretary to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. **b7C**

On July 14, 1959, [REDACTED] Passport Agent, United States Department of State, Chicago Passport Agency, United States Court House, Chicago 4, Illinois, advised that he had no record of either CHARLES BETHA SHERRILL or CARRIE MOSS executing and filing applications for passport.

Following is background information regarding SHERRILL and MOSS:

Name	CARRIE ALDONIA MOSS, aka CARRIE X
Birth	March 6, 1930, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Residence	8205-07 South Vernon, Chicago, Illinois
Name	CHARLES BETHA SHERRILL, aka. CHARLES B. X
Birth	June 28, 1933, at Chicago, Illinois
Residence	5937 South Wadsworth, Chicago, Illinois

With regard to CARRIE MOSS, it is possible that she may also be using the name KARI MUHAMMAD or KARI MOHAMMED and may also give her address as 4847 South Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois, which is the residence of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

Washington Field is requested to place a passport stop with the U.S. Department of State with regard to CHARLES BETHA SHERRILL and CARRIE ALDONIA MOSS in connection with the proposed trip to the Middle East on the part of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD on or about September 20, 1959.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 8/14/59

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-138738)

SUBJECT:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
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- (2 - Chicago (100-6989) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-138738)

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Date: 7/24/59

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Via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-7809)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
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ReNYairtels of 7/14,15,16,17/59, concerning the five part series on the Mike Wallace News Beat show, WNTA-TV, Channel 13, NYC, which was shown 7/13-17/59, are called, "The Hate That Hate Produced."

On 7/22/59, on WNTA-TV, NYC, from 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM, MIKE WALLACE conducted a special program which was based on the above mentioned series of five parts.

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- ⑥ - Bureau (25-330971) (RM)
- ① - 105- (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
  - ① - 100- (United African Nationalist Movement)
  - ① - 105-54696 (Arab Students Organization)
  - ① - 100-399321 (MALCOLM LITTLE)
- 3 - Chicago (100-35636) (RM)
- ① - 105- (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
- 1 - New York (105-21717) (Arab Students Organization)
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The first hour of this program was characterized as the "documentary" portion. This portion was almost an exact repetition of the five parts shown on the News Beat program. The Bureau has been furnished substantially verbatim accounts of these five parts.

The second hour was devoted to a panel discussion. The panel was

(1) Dr. ANNA HEDGMAN, former administrative assistant to NYC Mayor ROBERT WAGNER and former aid to Federal Security Administrator OSCAR EWING.

(2) ARNOLD FOSTER, Director of the Civil Rights Division of the Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith.

(3) JACKIE ROBINSON, former Brooklyn Dodger baseball star and now a columnist for the "New York Post."

(4) ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP.

(5) Rev. Dr. GARDINER TAYLOR, Minister, Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY, President of the Protestant Council of Greater NY, and member of the NYC Board of Education.

WALLACE was assisted by reporter LOUIS LOMAX who, according to WALLACE, had done the research on the "documentary."

The panel discussion was a rather rambling un-coordinated affair. The Muslims were not the center of discussion, rather it was a general discussion of Negroes in the US and in NY in particular. The discussion was of such things as the "buy black" campaign, and whether or not the mass organizations such as the NAACP were reaching enough people.



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Other than mentioning Muslims teaching that all white men are evil and should be destroyed (with which all panel members stated they disagreed), there was no specific discussion as to Muslim teachings or programs.

No mention was made of the Bureau or of law enforcement in general in this discussion.

Other than the following, there was nothing in this discussion of interest to the Bureau.

ARNOLD FOSTER stated he had received information that on 7/21/59, MALCOLM X left Cairo for Mecca after spending seven or eight days in Cairo where he was the invited guest of the Egyptian Government. FOSTER stated there was an "intense cooperation between representatives of Arab nations in the United States and this Muslim movement. They have been on the platforms of Elijah in any number of instances. The heads of the Arab students in the United States have cooperated with them. In terms of money, I'm not prepared to say. In terms of personnel; in terms of appearance on their platform; in terms of encouraging what they have to say, I am prepared to say that this cooperation does exist and for which reason I suggest that the movement is even more dangerous than many of us appreciate."

LOMAX stated he received a letter today (7/22/59) from MALCOLM X which stated MALCOLM was ill and couldn't get into Mecca.

FOSTER stated he had received a report that afternoon (7/22/59) that MALCOLM had arrived in Mecca on 7/21/59.

It is noted that information re MALCOLM's trip to the Near East was set forth by NY in a letterhead memo dated 7/21/59.

NY is taking no further action concerning this program.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-54773)

DATE: 8/7/59

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-31166)

SUBJECT: HERBERT C. MUHAMMAD, Aka.,  
Herbert Delaney, Herbert Muhammad  
SM-NOI

Re Chicago letter to the Director dated  
7/27/59, entitled "ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, IS-NOI."

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 7  
copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for  
dissemination, and 1 copy of same for Washington  
Field for information.

The following sources were used in the  
characterizations set forth in the enclosed letterhead  
memorandum:

HERBERT MUHAMMAD  
Nation of Islam

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- 4- Bureau (Encls. 7) (RM)
    - (1- 105-24822 ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
    - (1- 25-330971 Nation of Islam)
  - 1- Washington Field (Encls. 1) (RM)
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    - (1- 100-35635 Nation of Islam)
    - (1-100-6989 ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
    - (1- 100-32519 CLARA MUHAMMAD)
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 5, 1959

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ELLIJAH MUHAMMAD

E. Oct 7, 1917, Southfield, Mich.

BACKGROUND

The August 10, 1959, issue of 'Time' magazine on page 24 under a heading, "Cases," carries a story headlined "The Black Supremacists". The story has to do with captioned individual who has numerous aliases and who is the leader of the Nation of Islam Cult. The story goes into considerable detail concerning his agitation of Negroes and gives considerable detail as to his background. The story states that Detroit Police arrested him in April, 1934 on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor (this statement is supported and verified by our Identification Division records which reflect that he has extensive record under FBI No. 2-759-020. This record reflects that on 4/16/34 he was arrested by the Detroit Police Department for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and was given 6-months probation).

The most pertinent part of this story as far as the Bureau is concerned states "He set up permanent headquarters in Chicago, preached against the white man's draft registration in World War II. When FBI agents tracked him to his mother's Chicago home in September 1942, they found him rolled up in a carpet under her bed. He was in federal prison at Milan, Mich. for draft dodging until 1946, later made a play for recruits among ex-convicts."

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Bufiles have been checked in order to substantiate or refute the above. Files reflect that in the early 1940's we conducted considerable investigation in a case entitled "Colored American National Organization, et al" under an internal security; sedition character. Investigation in this case included investigation concerning the Allah Temple of Islam. In a memorandum to Mr. Ladd dated September 21, 1942, J. K. Mumford advised that SAC Johnson of Chicago had called and furnished the following information which was being submitted as a press release in this case. "The FBI announced today the arrest of leaders of three organizations in the City of Chicago on charges of sedition and conspiracy to commit sedition based on warrants authorized by J. Albert Wold, USA. The apprehension of these individuals was effected by FBI Agents with the cooperation of members of the Chicago PD. . . . Leaders of the third group

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Jones to DeLoach dated 8/5/59

entitled the TEMPLE OF ISLAM, 104 E. 51st Street, were also apprehended on Federal warrants. GULAM BOGANS, Prophet, alias Elijah Mohammed, Elijah Muck Muhd, was apprehended at 6026 Vernon ? Avenue where he was found underneath his mother's bed wrapped in a carpet. Since being a Prophet it has been alleged that he has been the principal speaker at many of the meetings held at the Temple of Islam and is presently out on bond on the Federal charge for failure to register for Selective Service. This matter is pending in Federal Court at Washington, D. C." (100-6582-55)

RECOMMENDATION

None. For information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

(File 105-24822 ) DATE: 8/12/59

FROM : SAC, Chicago

(File 100-6989 )

SUBJECT: <sup>U</sup> Elijah Poole aka  
IS-NOI

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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: Semi-ANNUAL report due 8/13/59.

Reason for the delinquency: Report in dictation. (OTHER URGENT MATTER)

Date the report or necessary communication  
will reach the Bureau: ON or before 8/27/59.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ahb*

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

DATE: August 7, 1959

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Subject is on Security Index and is key figure of Chicago Office. He was born Elijah Poole in 10/97 at Sandersville, Georgia. He is a Negro. He was arrested by the Bureau in 9/42 on charges of sedition and conspiracy to commit sedition and was sentenced to the Federal Reformatory at Milan, Michigan. While in prison, he received a psychiatric diagnosis of dementia praecox, paranoid type, and his intelligence was rated as inferior with his mental age indicated as 10-11 years. He has an extensive Identification Record under FBI #2-759-020. This Record reflects that on 4/16/34 he was arrested by the Detroit Police Department for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and was given six months' probation. He is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI) with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. The NOI presently has 28 temples in principal cities throughout the United States. He associated himself with this cult in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan, and in the early 1930s moved to Chicago, Illinois. He claims he was contacted by Allah, in person, in the United States and chosen to lead the Negro out of bondage. Thereafter, he claims, Allah returned to Mecca. The NOI is a semireligious racist organization whose members regard Allah as their supreme being. Hatred of the white race, separation of the races, the destruction of America, rule by Negroes, and establishment of a separate Negro nation in America are principal preachings of the NOI.

OBSERVATIONS:

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Bland
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Re: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
105-24822

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[REDACTED] The (C)  
8/10/59 issue of Time magazine, under the caption "The Black Supremacists," contains a story of Muhammad and his followers which goes into considerable detail concerning his agitation of the Negroes and gives considerable detail as to his background.\* Therefore, it is felt the information contained in the attached memorandum can be made available to proper sources without any interference with the Bureau's security program.

\*including his criminal record.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the enclosure be furnished to Assistant Director DeLoach for his consideration.

*Handwritten:*  
JFK  
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[Signature]

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Gregg

August 7, 1959

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

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As the great silver plane circled over the blazing sand of Saudia Arabia, it was viewed by a lowly camel driver and his son, Karim. "Tell me, Papa Abdul, what is that great bird hovering there in the sky?" "Son, that is no bird; it's an airplane bringing Elijah Poole -- oops, I mean Elijah Muhammad -- to Mecca." "Papa Abdul, how do you know such worldly things about our visitors?" "Why, son, it's no secret in Saudia Arabia who Poole is and how he's distorted the Moslem faith. He and his uninformed followers are the subject of every bull session at every camel stop on this desert." "Tell me, Pop, who is this man Poole?"

"Well, Karim, all I know about him is what I read in the latest issue of 'Camel Tracks' -- you know the magazine like the one we get from the oil company with all the pictures -- that he is a Negro American who was born in Sandersville, Georgia, some 60 odd years ago. He hasn't done a day's work since about 1930 when he started spoofing the Negroes in Detroit, Michigan, with his own butchered version of our beloved Moslem faith. We true Moslems have all been alerted to stay away from him and his kind. He teaches hate and deceit for the purpose of extracting millions from his gullible followers for his own personal glorification, whereas the true Moslem believes in love and respect for all mankind.

"You know, Karim, he has probably even spoofed his followers into believing he is making this trip in 'Ezekiel's Wheel.'" "Gosh, Pop, what's 'Ezekiel's Wheel'?" "Why, Karim, there's no such thing as this 'Wheel.' This guy Poole preaches that such a 'wheel' is in outer space and is loaded with bombs. When he gives the word, the 'wheel' will drop its bombs and destroy all Americans except his followers." "Papa, is this man crazy?" "Well, son, it's hard to say, but he will surely be crazy if he thinks he will get the red carpet treatment from any true Moslem!"

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NOTE: Enclosure to memo to Belmont from Bland dated 8/7/59, re "Elijah Muhammad, Internal Security - NOI," MCE/pmt.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-430085)

DATE: 8/18/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33335)

SUBJECT: AKBAR MOHAMMED, aka.  
Akbar Muhammed, Akbar Muhammad  
SM - NOI

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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AKBAR MUHAMMAD

NATION OF ISLAM



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(1 - 25-330971) (NATION OF ISLAM)  
1 - WFO (100-36507) (Encl. 1) (RM)  
4 - Chicago  
(1 - 100-35635) (NATION OF ISLAM)  
(1 - 100-6989) (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)  
(1 - 100-32579) (CLARA MUHAMMAD)

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly Referred to as  
Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as  
Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD had described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam".

On May 11, 1959, another source advised that the NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD, its present national leader, claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States.

Members following MUHAMMAD's teaching and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils", in the United States; and that the white race because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon".

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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